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PATENT APPLICATION
Do. No. 4164-158

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John F. Acres

Serial No. 09/694,065

Examiner: Corbett B. Coburn

Confirmation No. 8782

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For: A METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING CASHLESS PLAY OF GAMING DEVICES
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REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL UNDER 1.193(b)(2)(ii)

Responsive to the Final Office Action, Paper No. 15, dated September 29, 2003, Applicant requests reinstatement of the appeal. The Examiner initially rejected Appellant's claims 1-8, 12, 18-21, and 23 as anticipated by Jorasch; claims 33, 40, and 43-49 as anticipated by LeStrange; claims 9-10 as obvious over Jorasch; claims 11, 13-15, 17, 22, 24-30, and 32 as obvious over Jorasch in view of LeStrange; claim 16 as obvious over Jorasch in view of Walker; claim 31 as obvious over Jorasch and LeStrange in view of Walker; claims 34, 35, and 37 as obvious over LeStrange; claims 38, 39, 41, and 42 as obvious over LeStrange in view of Jorasch; and claim 31 as obvious over LeStrange in view of Walker. Appellant responded by amending claims, adding new claims and making arguments to overcome the rejections. The Examiner then issued the final rejection. After reviewing Appellant's Amended Appeal Brief the Examiner reopened prosecution to reject claim 56, which had been inadvertently omitted. Appellant requests that the appeal be reinstated.

In support of the request, Applicant submits a supplemental appeal brief, in triplicate,
as requested by the Examiner.

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